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SUBJ: CODEL BLATNIK

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1. WHILE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CODEL'S VISIT TO NETHERLANDS SEPT 17-20 WAS TO ATTEND PRIVATE OSS REUNION AND COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWII OPERATION MARKET GARDEN, CODEL DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO PURSUIT OF HIS OFFICIAL INTEREST IN WATERWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS, INCLUDING TOURS OF BOTH AMSTERDAM AND ROTTERDAM HARBORS AND DISCUSSIONS ON POLLUTION CONTROL WITH DUTCH AUTHORITIES.

2. CODEL TRAVELED TO ROTTERDAM AT SUGGESTIN OF AMBASSADOR. IN ADDITION TO PORT TOUR BY CONSUL GENERAL, CODEL WAS SHOWN OFFICES OF CONSULATE GENERAL. APPALLED BY POOR APPEARANCE ESPECIALLY OF ENTRANCE WHERE APPROACH TO CONSULATE IS CONFUSED BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS OCCUPYING SAME BUILDING, CODEL INFORMED CONSUL GNERAL HE WOULD SUPPORT BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING ON PROPERTY US OWNS AND SAID HE WOULD TALK TO CONGRESSMAN HAYS. CODEL LATER REITERATED THIS PLEDGE TO AMBASSADOR AT OSS DINNER NEAR AMSTERDAM.

3. CODEL EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN BRINGING INTO NEW CONSULATE GNERAL OFFICES OF TWO CONCERNS WHICH PROMOTE THE SALE OF US WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS (GREAT PLAINS WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS COUNCIL).
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4. CODEL TOUR OF ROTTERDAM HARBOR INTERESTED HIM TO EXTENT THAT HE SAID HE WILL TRY TO RETURN FOR ONE DAY ON WAY BACK TO US. MET WITH HARBOR MASTER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTAINER PORT.

5. IN ADDITION, CODEL ATTENDED AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON IN NOORDWIJK-AAN-ZEE AS GUEST OF CONSULS GENERAL CHRISTIANO AND DAVID. SPEAKER AT LUNCH WAS C. VAN VEEN, HEAD OF DUTCH MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (VNO).
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